



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 8, 2003

S. 330

Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on May 7, 2003

S. 330 would establish criminal and civil penalties for desecration of veterans' memorials located on public property, if committing such acts involve interstate or foreign travel or use of the mail, or if the memorial is located on property owned by, or under the jurisdiction of, the federal government. CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would increase direct spending and revenues, but by an insignificant amount in each year.

Because those prosecuted and convicted under the act could be subject to criminal fines, the government might collect additional fines if this legislation is enacted. Collections of such fines are recorded in the budget as governmental receipts (i.e., revenues), which are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and later spent. Any additional collections and spending from enacting S. 330 would not be significant because of the small number of cases likely to be affected.

S. 330 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On March 25, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 330, the Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 20, 2003. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the two estimates.

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